



# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A NEW REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE!**

## **What's happening?**

As part of our recently adopted Regional Wastewater Services Plan, King County is planning to build a new wastewater treatment plant in northern King County or southern Snohomish County. The treatment plant is needed to meet the demands of the rapidly growing population in the area. To help us in this important effort, we invite you to nominate a site (or sites) that you think might be suitable for this new treatment plant.

## **Who can nominate a site?**

You don't have to own a site in order to nominate it. Virtually anyone can participate:

- Representatives acting on behalf of others such as agencies, local governments, businesses, industries, property owners, and community and non-profit organizations
- Individuals acting on their own
- Coalitions of individuals and entities

However, no King County employee may have a financial interest in or participate in a decision regarding any site which he or she has nominated.

## **What sites can I nominate?**

Undeveloped, partially developed, or fully developed parcels or combination of parcels are eligible for nomination. The site for the wastewater treatment facility should be at least 25 acres, but preferably 60 acres or larger. Ideally, sites should fall within the preferred area shown on the attached map. Sites not in the preferred area will be considered, although proximity to this area will influence site evaluation.

Dedicating the site primarily to the new treatment plant is only one option. The County welcomes the opportunity to share the site with existing development or to develop or redevelop the site in partnership with others. We are open to any number of options. For example, the treatment plant could share the site with another wastewater treatment plant, an industrial complex, a transit or flood management facility, or a community recreational amenity.



## Why would I want to nominate a site?

King County plans on being a good neighbor. By working with property owners, communities, and local governments, we will develop “mitigation” for the site related to the impacts so that the community will perceive the new treatment plant as an improvement in the quality of life in the area. The types of mitigation will depend on the site that is ultimately selected.

## How will my nomination be evaluated?

Evaluation of your nominated sites—along with County-identified sites—will take place in three stages:

- In early 2001, engineering and environmental constraints and King County Council-approved criteria will be used to evaluate all sites and to select ten to fifteen sites for further evaluation.
- In late 2001, the Council-approved criteria will be applied again using a greater level of detail to narrow the field to three to five sites. Configurations of treatment plant systems (treatment plant, conveyance facilities, and marine outfall) will be developed for each candidate site; these configurations will undergo a SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) review, including an environmental impact statement and public involvement process.
- In late 2002, the King County Executive will select the final site, conveyance route, and marine outfall.

Engineering and environmental constraints will be used to screen sites in the first stage of evaluation. These constraints consist of features that could possibly restrict the suitability of a site for wastewater treatment plant construction and operation:

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| • Steep slopes   | • Flood zones   |
| • Long, narrow shape   | • Transmission towers   |
| • National or state parks  | • Major pipelines   |
| • Active airport operations and accompanying runway protection zones | • Cemeteries  |
| • Potential landslide areas or unstable soils                        | • Officially-designated federal, state, or local biological preserves or conservation areas |
|  | • Superfund sites on which cleanup has not been completed                                   |

The presence of such features will not automatically eliminate a site from further consideration. Site suitability will depend on the location of these features and the amount of land that is available for development or redevelopment.



Subsequent evaluations will be made based on more detailed criteria, including engineering, regulatory, environmental, community/public involvement, financial, and sustainable building and operating practices. The King County Council will approve these criteria in late 2000. Sites that are selected for further evaluation will be subject to environmental review beginning in the fall of 2001. The final sites for the treatment plant, conveyance, and outfall will be selected at the end of 2002.

## **How do I submit a nomination?**

To nominate a site, simply follow the instructions on the attached Site Nomination Form and mail your nomination package to the address shown on the form by August 26, 2000.

Once we've received your nomination package, we will notify you within seven days of receipt that the nomination package arrived. We will then keep you informed of the status of the nomination at the close of each stage of the evaluation process. Also, by September 1, 2000, we will notify applicable local governments of site nominations within their jurisdictions.

## **How can I learn more?**

To learn more about how to nominate a site, you can attend a meeting at the offices of the Snohomish Economic Development Council on July 26 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The address is 728 134<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Suite 219, Everett. If you can't make the meeting and you would like additional information, you can call Michael Popiwny at (206) 684-6799. To check on the status of your nominated site after you've submitted the nomination package, you can call Christina Faine at (206) 296-1956.



# SITE NOMINATION FORM

**Nominations must be postmarked by 4:00 p.m. August 26, 2000.**

*Instructions for completing this site nomination form:*

- Complete one nomination form for each site you are nominating. (You may make photocopies of the form.)
- Answer each item as thoroughly as you can. Include additional sheets if you need more room (*please limit yourself to 3 additional sheets for each site nominated*).
- Draw an outline of the site on the attached map. You may also include a more detailed map if you chose.
- Optional: Obtain letters of support for nominated sites from property owners, adjacent property owners, and local governments, agencies, and community groups if possible.
- **Before the application deadline**, mail the completed nomination form, map, and optional letters of support to the following address:

*North Treatment Plant RFN  
Michael Popiwny, Siting/Mitigation Project Manager  
Wastewater Treatment Division  
Department of Natural Resources  
201 South Jackson Street M.S. KSC-NR-0503  
Seattle, WA 98104-3855*

## Part 1—Information About the Nominator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you nominating a site on your own? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are not nominating on your own, what entities or persons are you representing?  
(You may check more than one box.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community organization  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property owner                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate or other business | <input type="checkbox"/> Self                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public agency                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |



KING COUNTY  
Department of Natural Resources

Names of entities or persons you are representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own the site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do not own the site, do those you are representing own the site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you or those you are representing do not own the site, do the property owners know about the nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**Part 2—Information About the Property Owners (Optional)**

(This section is optional. Complete it only if you or those you are representing are not the property owners and if you have access to the information requested.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3—Information About the Site**

Size (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Location: Outline the location of the site on the attached map.**

Assessor parcel number(s) (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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Past and current land uses (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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Physical and natural features if known (topography, slope, trees, wetlands, wildlife use, vegetative cover, existing infrastructure and utilities): \_\_\_\_\_

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Existing land uses on adjacent properties: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think this is a good site for a wastewater treatment plant?

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What possible partnerships could be accommodated at the site?

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What possible mitigation measures could be implemented on or near the site?

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Would you like us to send you the evaluation criteria after they are approved by the King County Council? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Signature of nominator

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Signature of property owner (optional)

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Signature of property owner (optional)

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Signature of property owner (optional)

